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# The '50s were a roller-coaster ride

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By Curt McKeever

Halloween, 1959.

Nebraska, frequently disguised in more gut-wrenching looks than Freddy Krueger, has a trick-or-treat affair never to be forgotten.

Coach Bill Jennings' Cornhuskers, not surprisingly in the midst of another losing streak, steal the goods from Oklahoma with an unimaginable 25-21. Homecoming of homecomings. The result in Memorial Stadium ended a string of 74 games, spanning 13 seasons, in which the Sooners hadn't lost to a conference opponent.

So stunned were the locals that soon after the cement-bedded goal posts gave way for the first time to a surge of thousands of students and fans, who paraded them to the governor's mansion, University Chancellor Clifford Hardin declared classes at Nebraska for the following Monday canceled.

"Yes, it really did happen," wrote The Lincoln Star's Don Bryant, now NU's sports information director. "It was like V-J Day all over again, and as far as Nebraska's athletics fortunes are concerned, the win was just about as important."



Bill Jennings

This was Nebraska's proudest moment during a turbulent era ... that every year or so was quelled by a monumental triumph.

From 1949-1961, the Huskers went through three coaches, the first of whom, Bill Glassford (31-35-3 in seven years), produced the period's three winning teams, including Ne-

braska's first Orange Bowl representative in the 1954 season.

But Glassford — who coached the school's first four black players in 40 years, and some of the nation's greatest talent, including All-Americans Tom "Train Wreck" Novak, Jerry Minnick and Bobby Reynolds — declined to pick up a five-year option in his contract and resigned before Nebraska's final game in 1955.

Among the more notable events from his reign were:

■ The 1949 season, when Novak, a center who would be the first player to have his Nebraska jersey number retired, finished his stellar career.

■ The 1950 season, when the sophomore halfback Reynolds became the most explosive Husker, scoring 157 points and rushing for 1,342 yards.

■ A 6-6 tie against Kansas State in 1951 (later awarded to NU by forfeit 1-0 because the Wildcats used an).

■ The Orange Bowl appearance against Duke (earned because league champion Oklahoma had gone to the Orange Bowl the previous year and the Big Seven Conference prohibited teams from appearing there

in consecutive years; Second-place NU "clinched" the trip by losing to OU 55-7).

■ And a humiliating 6-0 home loss to Hawaii in 1955 (a team the Huskers had beaten 50-0 in 1954).

But, by far, the most shocking occurrence of Glassford's era came after the 1953 season when Nebraska players revolted against their mentor, a disciplinarian who had a boot-camp approach to pre-season training (his sessions at Curtis were banned before the '53 season).

The movement started while Glassford, who had undergone surgery to correct a gall bladder ailment following the season, was attending a coaches' convention and visiting his parents in Ohio. A player petition was supposedly submitted to Acting Chancellor John K. Selleck and the Board of Regents asking that Glassford be removed. The report was never made public, but six players did complain in the press.

A statement released after a meeting by 35 players read, in part:

"We would like the public to know the element of our fear. That fear being that if a player does or says the

wrong thing, he will be ridiculed, embarrassed and be faced with the threat of losing his scholarship or never having the opportunity to play again. We do not feel that we can have a winning football team on top morale with the conditions that have existed in the past.

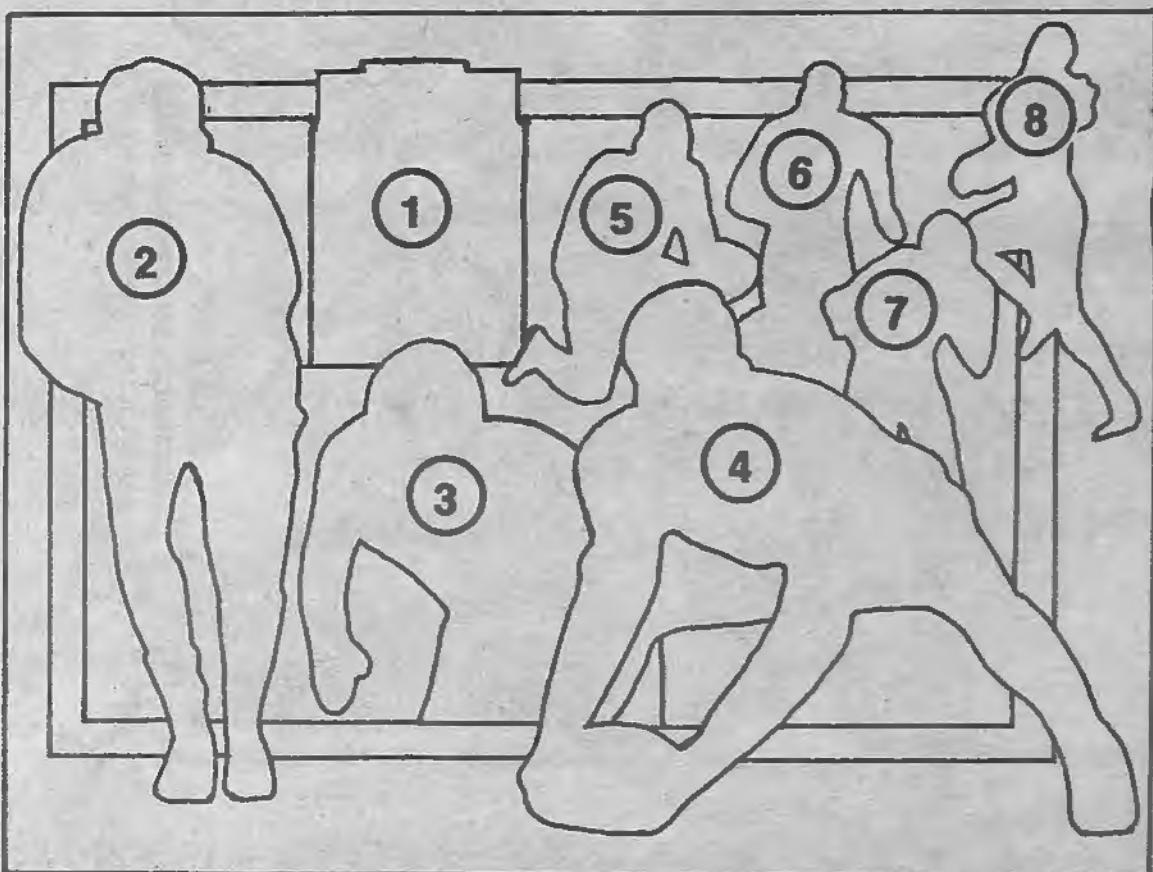
"The team has expressed the fact that for the betterment of the university and the football team that the resignation of Head Coach Bill Glassford is a must."

The revolt climaxed Jan. 16, 1954, when the Board of Intercollegiate Athletics (disbanded the following summer and replaced by representatives of the university Faculty Senate) decided to comply with provisions of Glassford's five-year contract that gave him the option of continuing on five more years beginning in 1956.

Glassford and the players later settled their differences and four of the six who had made statements returned for spring practice.

Ironically, many fans who routinely had cried for Glassford's scalp,

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## On the cover

The cover painting is the fifth in a series of seven by sports artist Ted Watts of Oswego, Kan. They depict the seven eras of Nebraska football.

1 The background element shows the scoreboard at Memorial Stadium in 1959 when Bill Jennings' Huskers defeated Oklahoma 25-21 to end the Sooners' string of 74 straight conference games without a loss.

2 Bobby Reynolds (1950-52) earned All-America honors as a sophomore

more after setting NCAA records for yardage, rushing and points scored per game.

3 Jerry Minnick (1951-53) was an All-America defensive tackle as a junior.

4 Tom Novak (1946-49) was an All-America center, considered by many to be the most aggressive Husker football player ever. His jersey, No. 60, was the first to be retired

at Nebraska.

### The Fischer brothers

5 Rex Fischer (1955), No. 11.

6 Cletus Fischer (1945-1948), No. 14.

7 Ken Fischer (1948-1949), No. 15.

8 Pat Fischer (1958-1960), No. 40.

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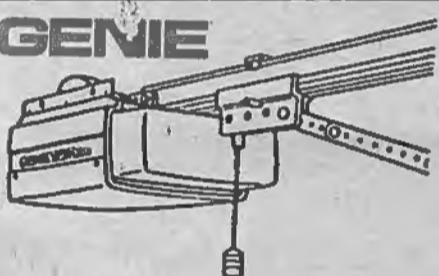
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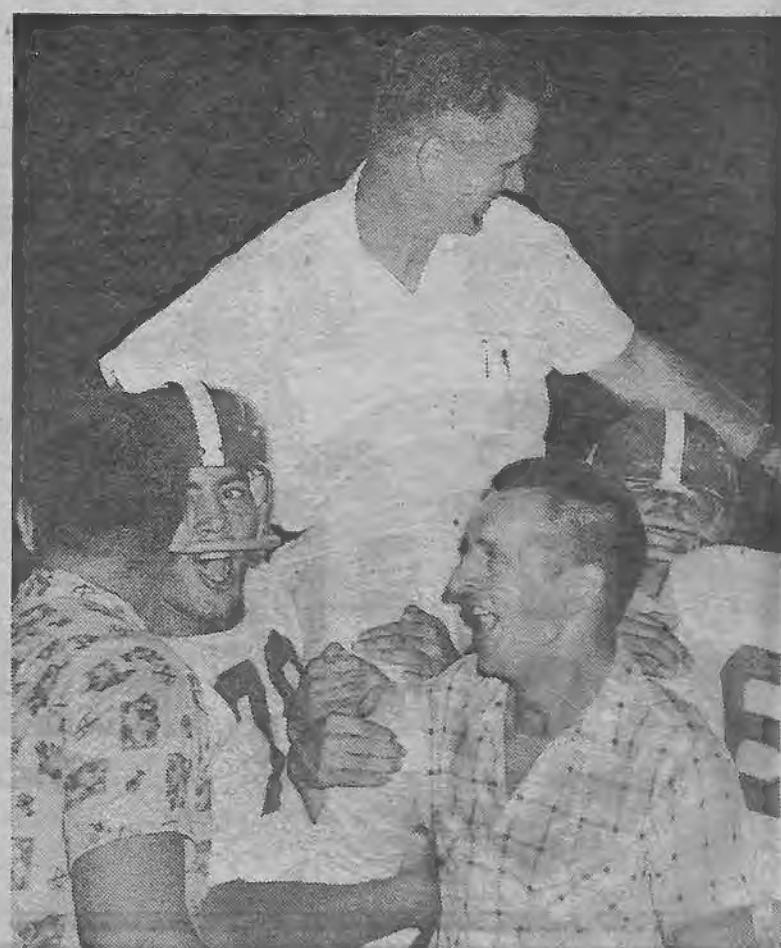
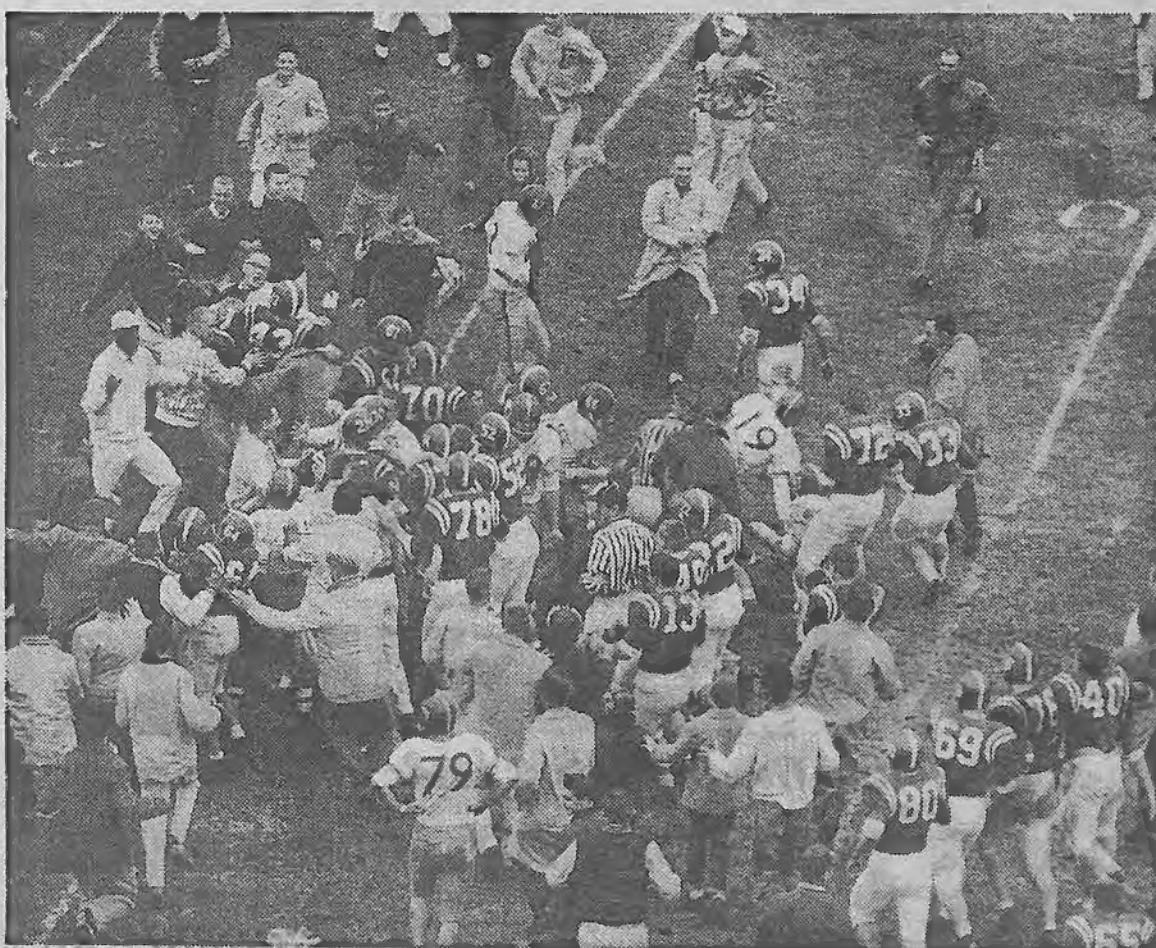
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Bill Jennings' teams finished 15-34-1 in his five years at Nebraska, but there were several memorable victories. Above, fans tear down the Memorial Stadium goal posts after NU defeated Oklahoma 25-21 to end the Sooners' 74-

game Big Eight unbeaten streak in 1959. Below left, fans mob the field after the Huskers upset Pittsburgh 14-6 in 1958 in Lincoln. Below right, Jennings is carried off the field after NU knocked off No. 4 Texas 14-13 in 1960 in Austin.





# Jennings

rallied around him, and the Huskers had a much-better-than-expected 6-4 season that — thanks to the restriction on Oklahoma — landed them in the Orange Bowl.

That, however, was disastrous, as Nebraska lost to Duke 34-7. "It was a terrible game, and the Huskers looked worse than the 34-7 score indicates," Bryant wrote.

And so the love-hate relationship with Glassford again turned stormy. It continued that way when NU, favored by nearly 50 points, opened the 1955 season with a 6-0 loss to Hawaii. Noted Glassford, "This isn't the first time this kind of thing has happened to a team."

But it was one of the last times it would happen to Glassford, who after Nebraska's final home game — a 37-20 victory against Colorado — announced his resignation. Glassford and university officials denied that he was pressured into the decision.

Glassford, who would never coach again, acted relieved.

"It certainly isn't pleasant when people call your wife and boy at all hours of the day, insulting you and them in the most vicious terms," he said. "I sincerely hope that my suc-

cessor will have the support of the state and of the administration, and that the university itself and the loyal people of this state will achieve the things in intercollegiate athletics that they so desire."

That wouldn't happen for a few more years.

Pete Elliott, an All-American at Michigan and an assistant under Bud Wilkinson at Oklahoma, was named to replace Glassford. At 29, Elliott was Nebraska's youngest head coach. Nebraskans liked the suave blonde, even though they never really got a chance to know him. Shortly after the 4-6 '56 season — and a \$2,500 raise to \$14,500 — Elliott was rumored to be shopping around for another job. The guessing game continued for more than a month before Elliott announced that he was headed to California.

Bill Jennings, 38, who came from Oklahoma with Elliott, was quickly elevated as Nebraska's next head coach. It was the start of another roller-coaster relationship.

While Jennings' teams pulled off a few of the biggest dramatics in school history, not once did any of his five squads win more than two games in a row. His record was 15 wins, 34 losses, one tie.

Jennings' first team went 1-9 — the biggest loser in Nebraska history.

The 1958 season (3-7) wouldn't have gone much better had it not been for a pair of euphoric victories

— 14-7 against Penn State and 14-6 against 14th-ranked Pittsburgh.

Then came the memorable season of 1959 ... or rather the memorable game.

The season began with a crazy 20-0 loss to No. 17 Texas, during which Nebraska unveiled a dual quarterback formation in which two quarterbacks stood under center (Afterward, it was ruled ineligible). The Huskers then beat Minnesota 32-12 (the highest point total for any of Jennings' teams) and edged Oregon State 7-6.

But just when things seemed OK, NU lost to Kansas, Indiana and Missouri — and Oklahoma was next.

Wilkinson's Sooners, despite losses to Northwestern and Texas, still had the "mighty" image within the conference. OU entered with the No. 19 ranking, had beaten the Huskers the last 17 meetings and there was no reason to think the streak wouldn't continue.

The Sooners, on a three-yard run by Prentice Gautt, took a 7-0 lead before Nebraska cut the deficit to 7-6 on a fourth-down TD pass from quarterback Harry Tolly to end Dick McDaniels.

Nebraska then got a spark when LeRoy Zentic, now head football coach at Lincoln East, returned a quick kick by OU back Bob Cornell 36 yards for a score. Oklahoma retaliated with a Cornell plunge and led 14-12 at halftime.

Nebraska regained the lead early in the third quarter on a 22-yard field goal by Ron Meade. Then Pat Fischer returned a punt 61 yards to the Sooner 3 to set up a 1-yard score by Tolly. The Huskers extended their advantage to 25-14 on Meade's 33-yard field goal.

Oklahoma, of course, remained unrattled and drove for another touchdown. The Sooners got the ball back with 2:15 left and marched to Nebraska's 27. Nebraskans' hearts stood still as OU quarterback Bobby Boyd threw two incompletions. Then, on third down, Boyd threw for Brewster Hobby. But a strong Nebraska rush caused the ball to go off target and Meade intercepted it to seal the outcome.

Silence turned to pandemonium. Nebraska had finally done the un-



Pranksters, who had some trouble spelling "baby," left their feelings for Glassford on a sidewalk near Memorial Stadium.

thinkable.

"This is the greatest thing that's ever happened to me," said Tolly.

But, as usual, the celebration was short-lived. The next week, Iowa State beat Nebraska 18-6.

Jennings would pull off two more upsets the next season but not without controversy.

The first one, in Fischer's first game playing quarterback, was a 14-13 surprise at fourth-ranked Texas in the season-opener.

Nebraska then went 2-4 before Jennings made headlines speaking at a Omaha football luncheon. In the speech, he said, "I've been watching things closely and I don't think this state can ever be great in anything — there are so few people in the state. Our football team is about as good as anything we're trying to do in this area."

Later, Jennings said he was attempting to get the state to rally around his team.

Following two more losses, it did. At Norman, under threat of physical harm and with four policemen on the bench, Jennings' crew beat the Sooners 17-14. Meade kicked the winning field goal with 1:38 remaining.

Commenting on freshman quarterback Dennis Claridge, Jennings once kidded, "If we're not here, someone else will have a good quarterback for three years."

One year later, following a 3-6-1 1961 season, Jennings was fired as Nebraska's coach.

While Nebraska's progress during Jennings' reign may have been masked by a poor won-loss record, the Lincoln Journal's Dick Becker wrote in a tribute:

"Academically, Nebraska's football program has made superb progress ... The scholarship program for football players at Nebraska is now on a more realistic basis, thanks to Jennings' labors to bring the NU grants on an even footing with other schools."

"And athletically, the squad which greets a new coach will be vastly superior to the one Jennings inherited from Pete Elliott in 1957."

"Somebody else may be getting the cheers, but Bill Jennings has left a valuable legacy to the University of Nebraska."

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Glassford tearfully leaves after a 41-0 loss to OU.

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## NU chronology (1949-1961)

**1949** The NU band forms "Tom" to recognize All-American center Novak's last game and the end of Bill Glassford's first season as head coach. Cornhuskers wind up 4-5.

**1950** Bobby Reynolds named All-American and sets NU records for scoring and yards rushing and receiving, even though he is slowed by a leg injury early in the season. NU wins at Minnesota for first time since 1902. NU's 6-2-1 record is its first winning season since the 1940 team.

**1951** NU matches second worst record with 2-8 mark. Tom Coradine of Boys Town becomes first black in modern history to play for Nebraska.

**1952** Injury to Reynolds in fourth game sets back NU hopes. Huskers finish 5-4-1.

**1953** NU finishes 3-6-1, but John Bordogna sets passing and rushing records for quarterback. At end of season, team petitions complaining of Glassford's approach to coaching are circulated. Charles Bryant becomes first black letterman since Clint Ross in 1913.

**1954** Because Big Seven Conference champion Oklahoma is prohibited from making a repeat trip to the Orange Bowl, Runner-up Nebraska (6-4 overall and 4-2 in conference) is invited, despite losing to Oklahoma 55-7. Duke thrashes NU 34-7 in the Orange Bowl.

**1955** Marks Glassford's last year as NU opens with devastating 6-0 loss to Hawaii in Memorial Stadium. Cornhuskers salvage a 5-5 season and win four in a row before losing to Oklahoma 41-0 in Glassford's finale.

**1956** Pete Elliott is the coach for a year, posts 4-6 record and leaves for a better paying job at California.

**1957** Under new coach Bill Jennings, NU winds up its worst season at 1-8. Nebraska's only win is 14-7 at Kansas State.

**1958** Despite stunning upsets of Pennsylvania teams — Penn State 14-7 and Pittsburgh (with tight end Mike Ditka) 14-6 — Nebraska finishes 3-7.

**1959** NU upsets Oklahoma 25-21, ending OU's string of 74 games without a loss to a Big Seven Conference opponent. It was the Cornhuskers' first win over Sooners in 17 years.

**1960** Jennings coaches NU to another win (17-14) over OU after it is rumored that he turned the Sooners in for NCAA violations. Four extra policemen sit on NU bench at Norman that afternoon because of threats.

**1961** A 3-6-1 record marks the end of Jennings stay at NU. But he had convinced NU athletic board to pay more for scholarships so NU could compete for recruits before he left.



Bobby Reynolds was an All-America halfback as a sophomore in 1950. He led the nation in rushing, touchdowns and scoring (a record 157 points that stood for years).

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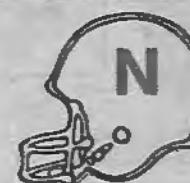
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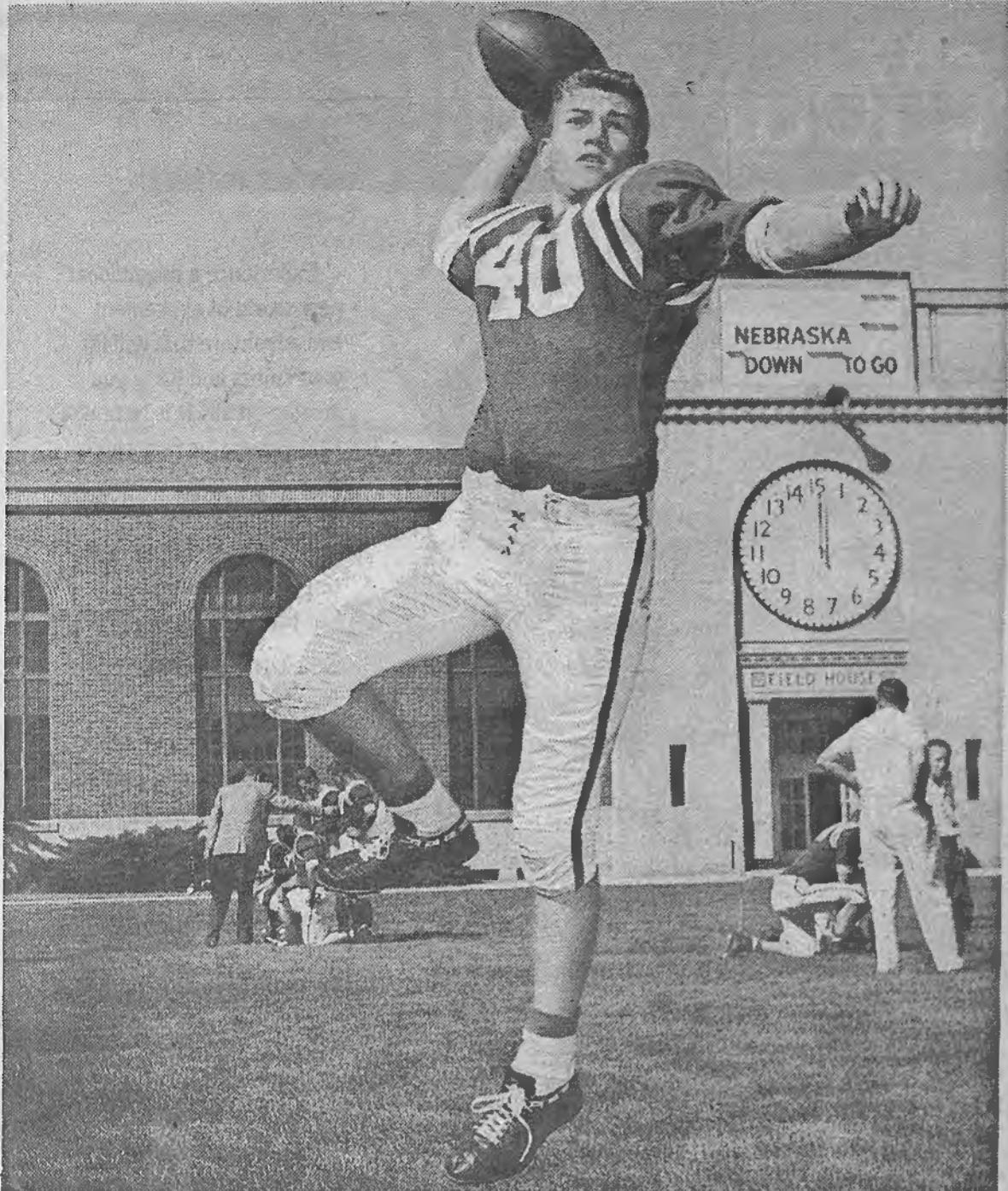
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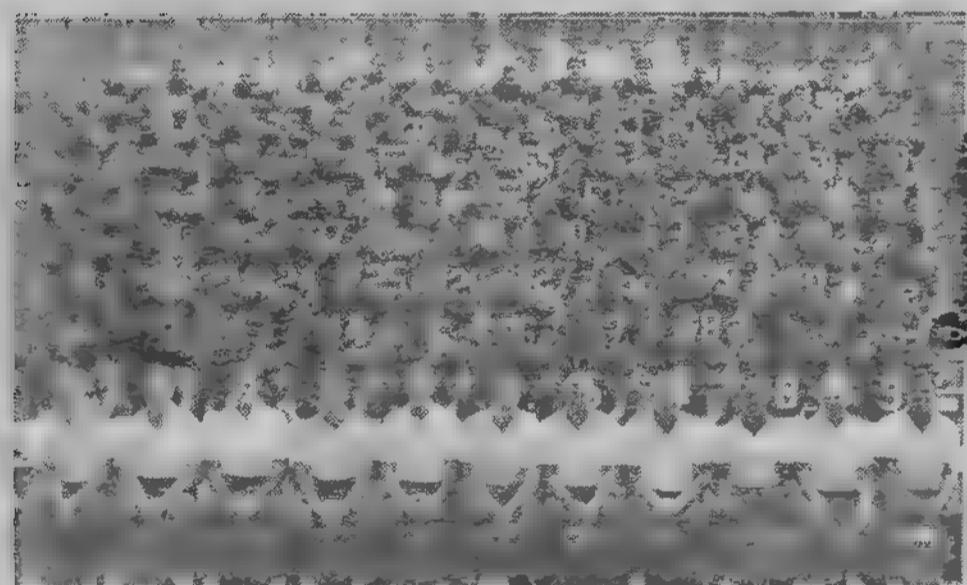
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# Nebraska roster

| No. | Name             | Pos. | Ht.  | Wt. | Yr. | Hometown             |
|-----|------------------|------|------|-----|-----|----------------------|
| 1   | Mike Grant       | QB   | 6-2  | 200 | So. | Valrico, Fla.        |
| 2   | Will Thomas      | FS   | 6-0  | 170 | So. | Houston, Texas       |
| 3   | Mickey Joseph    | QB   | 5-11 | 175 | So. | Marrero, La.         |
| 4   | Tyrone Legette   | CB   | 5-9  | 170 | So. | Columbia, S.C.       |
| 5   | Jon Bostick      | SE   | 6-2  | 190 | So. | Bellevue, Wash.      |
| 6   | Tahaun Lewis     | CB   | 5-11 | 175 | Jr. | Colo. Springs, Colo. |
| 7   | Brad Devall      | WB   | 5-9  | 180 | Jr. | O'Neill              |
| 8   | Jim Dobesh       | SS   | 6-1  | 180 | Sr. | Seward               |
| 9   | Andre McDuffy    | IB   | 5-11 | 190 | So. | Euless, Texas        |
| 10  | Tyrone Byrd      | FS   | 5-11 | 170 | Fr. | Chandler, Ariz.      |
| 11  | Robert Hicks     | CB   | 5-10 | 175 | Jr. | Los Angeles, Calif.  |
| 12  | Keithen McCant   | QB   | 6-2  | 200 | So. | Gr. Prairie, Tex.    |
| 13  | Mike Heins       | CB   | 5-10 | 187 | Fr. | David City           |
| 14  | Mark Dowse       | WB   | 6-0  | 170 | So. | Broken Bow           |
| 15  | Jerry Dunlap     | QB   | 5-11 | 195 | Jr. | Ventura, Calif.      |
| 16  | Junior Monarrez  | MG   | 6-1  | 270 | Sr. | Bell Garden, Calif.  |
| 17  | Gerry Gdowski    | QB   | 6-0  | 190 | Sr. | Fremont              |
| 18  | Tom Haase        | QB   | 6-0  | 180 | So. | Aurora               |
| 19  | Scott Olson      | FS   | 5-9  | 185 | Jr. | Norfolk              |
| 20  | Chris Drennan    | PK   | 5-9  | 200 | Sr. | Cypress, Calif.      |
| 21  | Reggie Cooper    | SS   | 6-3  | 205 | Jr. | Slide, La.           |
| 22  | Shane McClanahan | IB   | 5-8  | 176 | Fr. | Oakland, Iowa        |
| 23  | Morgan Gregory   | SE   | 5-11 | 190 | Sr. | Denver, Colo.        |
| 24  | Terry Rodgers    | IB   | 5-7  | 170 | Jr. | Nat. City, Calif.    |
| 25  | Richard Bell     | WB   | 6-0  | 205 | Sr. | Altadena, Calif.     |
| 26  | Note Turner      | WB   | 6-2  | 220 | So. | Chicago, Ill.        |
| 27  | Leolis Flowers   | IB   | 5-11 | 200 | So. | Omaha                |
| 28  | Curtis Cotton    | SS   | 6-1  | 195 | So. | Omaha                |
| 29  | Sam Schmidt      | FB   | 6-1  | 225 | Sr. | Wood River           |
| 30  | Marvin Sanders   | FS   | 5-11 | 190 | Sr. | Markham, Ill.        |
| 31  | Freeman White    | SS   | 6-1  | 200 | So. | Kansas City, Mo.     |
| 32  | Kelly Prater     | WB   | 5-7  | 185 | So. | Cleorwater           |
| 33  | Eric Anderson    | CB   | 5-8  | 180 | Jr. | Omaha                |
| 34  | Bryan Carpenter  | FB   | 5-10 | 205 | Sr. | Olathe, Kan.         |
| 35  | Steve Carmer     | FS   | 6-1  | 200 | So. | Weston               |
| 36  | Ken Clark        | IB   | 5-10 | 200 | Sr. | Omaha                |
| 37  | Tyrone Hughes    | WB   | 5-9  | 175 | Fr. | New Orleans, La.     |
| 38  | Alvin Banks      | ILB  | 6-0  | 210 | So. | Moline, Ill.         |

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|----|------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|--------------------|
| 34 | Omar Soto        | FB  | 5-11 | 225 | Jr. | Miami, Fla.        |
| 34 | John Reece       | CB  | 6-0  | 190 | Fr. | Houston, Texas     |
| 35 | Scott Kurtz      | ILB | 5-11 | 215 | Jr. | Omaha              |
| 35 | Robert Glantz    | FB  | 5-11 | 220 | So. | Houston, Texas     |
| 36 | Todd Bennett     | PK  | 5-8  | 180 | Jr. | Norfolk            |
| 36 | Matt Reynolds    | FB  | 5-11 | 200 | So. | Omaha              |
| 37 | Mike Petka       | ILB | 6-2  | 225 | So. | Anaheim, Calif.    |
| 38 | Bruce Pickens    | CB  | 5-11 | 190 | Sr. | Kansas City, Mo.   |
| 39 | Mark Hodge       | ILB | 5-11 | 230 | Sr. | Omaha              |
| 40 | Pot Tyrone       | ILB | 6-2  | 240 | Jr. | Omaha              |
| 41 | Tim Johnk        | FB  | 5-10 | 215 | So. | Schuylerville      |
| 41 | Moff Penland     | LB  | 6-0  | 212 | Fr. | Jacksonville, Fla. |
| 42 | Jeff Mills       | OLB | 6-4  | 235 | Sr. | Montclair, N.J.    |
| 43 | Shane Geiken     | ILB | 6-1  | 210 | So. | Gothenburg         |
| 44 | Gregg Barrios    | PK  | 5-8  | 180 | Jr. | Omaha              |
| 44 | Scott Baldwin    | IB  | 6-1  | 195 | So. | Roselle, N.J.      |
| 45 | Jon Crippen      | CB  | 5-10 | 170 | Jr. | Houston, Tex.      |
| 46 | Brian Mohnsen    | ILB | 6-3  | 230 | So. | McCook             |
| 47 | Mike Stigge      | P   | 6-1  | 190 | Fr. | Washington, Kan.   |
| 48 | Scott Beckler    | P   | 6-0  | 195 | Sr. | Grand Island       |
| 49 | Chris Caliendo   | ILB | 6-2  | 240 | Sr. | Brookfield, Wis.   |
| 51 | Brent Pick       | OT  | 6-5  | 245 | Jr. | Wayne              |
| 51 | Andrew Zacharias | ILB | 6-1  | 230 | So. | Sioux Falls, S.D.  |
| 52 | Roger Fitzke     | C   | 6-0  | 235 | Sr. | Harvard            |
| 53 | Bill Ziegelbein  | C   | 6-5  | 215 | So. | Polk               |
| 53 | Tyler Zahn       | LB  | 6-2  | 195 | Fr. | Syracuse           |
| 54 | Chris O'Gara     | OG  | 6-4  | 270 | Sr. | Madison, Wis.      |
| 55 | Randall Jobman   | ILB | 6-3  | 235 | Sr. | Lisco              |
| 56 | Joe Sims         | DT  | 6-3  | 285 | Jr. | Sudbury, Mass.     |
| 57 | Kenny Walker     | DT  | 6-4  | 230 | Jr. | Crane, Texas       |
| 58 | David Edeal      | C   | 6-2  | 285 | Jr. | Loomis             |
| 59 | Roy Reifenroth   | OT  | 6-5  | 305 | So. | Dakota City        |
| 59 | Will Shields     | OG  | 6-2  | 243 | Fr. | Lawton, Okla.      |
| 61 | Erik Wiegert     | OG  | 6-4  | 270 | So. | Fremont            |
| 61 | Steve Keast      | ILB | 6-3  | 245 | Jr. | Gothenburg         |
| 62 | Erik Kiehn       | OG  | 6-2  | 260 | Jr. | Omaha              |
| 63 | Greg Koerner     | MG  | 6-3  | 285 | So. | Hoxton, Colo.      |
| 63 | Pat Kudrna       | OG  | 6-2  | 270 | So. | Sioux City, Iowa   |
| 64 | John Roschol     | OG  | 6-3  | 250 | Sr. | Houston, Texas     |

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|----|--------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|----------------------|
| 65 | Jeff Chaney        | OG  | 6-2  | 250 | So. | Friends, Texas       |
| 66 | Jim Wanek          | OG  | 6-1  | 255 | Jr. | Aurora               |
| 67 | Rob Leuck          | OG  | 6-0  | 245 | Sr. | Omaha                |
| 68 | Jake Young         | C   | 6-4  | 270 | Sr. | Midland, Texas       |
| 69 | Bill Bobbora       | OG  | 6-3  | 265 | Sr. | Amarillo, Texas      |
| 70 | Doug Glaser        | OT  | 6-7  | 295 | Sr. | Beth Springs, Tex.   |
| 72 | John Clarke        | OT  | 6-2  | 270 | Sr. | Brock                |
| 73 | Steve Engstrom     | OT  | 6-3  | 285 | Jr. | Lincoln              |
| 74 | Mike Murray        | MG  | 5-10 | 240 | Sr. | Chicago, Ill.        |
| 75 | Ray Valladao       | DT  | 6-3  | 255 | Sr. | Atwater, Calif.      |
| 76 | Brian Boerboom     | OT  | 6-7  | 285 | So. | Colo. Springs, Colo. |
| 77 | Terry Eyman        | OT  | 6-6  | 265 | Jr. | Omaha                |
| 78 | Tom Punt           | OT  | 6-8  | 285 | Jr. | Sioux Center, Iowa   |
| 80 | Chris Garrett      | TE  | 6-3  | 225 | So. | Snyder, Texas        |
| 81 | Lance Bobelz       | WB  | 5-10 | 180 | Jr. | Dorchester           |
| 82 | Chip Bohe          | SE  | 5-9  | 170 | Sr. | Fremont              |
| 83 | Tim McCoy          | SE  | 6-0  | 175 | Sr. | Lincoln              |
| 83 | Brad Reilly        | OLB | 6-1  | 230 | So. | Lincoln              |
| 83 | Jeff Lang          | P   | 5-9  | 176 | Fr. | Papillion            |
| 84 | Rick Wendland      | OLB | 6-1  | 220 | Jr. | Topeka, Kan.         |
| 85 | Monte Kratzenstein | TE  | 6-3  | 230 | Sr. | Gothenburg           |
| 86 | Joe Splitzenberger | OLB | 6-1  | 220 | Jr. | Omaha                |
| 86 | Daryl Leise        | TE  | 6-2  | 230 | So. | Omaha                |
| 87 | Don Svehla         | OLB | 6-0  | 235 | Jr. | Clarkson             |
| 87 | Don Pleasant       | SE  | 5-10 | 180 | So. | Craig, Colo.         |
| 88 | Mike Croel         | OLB | 6-3  | 225 | Jr. | Sudbury, Mass.       |
| 89 | William Washington | TE  | 6-2  | 245 | Fr. | Tyler, Texas         |
| 90 | Le Andre Anderson  | DT  | 6-4  | 245 | Jr. | Chicago, Ill.        |
| 90 | Keith Makell       | SE  | 5-10 | 160 | So. | Omaha                |
| 91 | Kent Wells         | DT  | 6-5  | 280 | Sr. | Lincoln              |
| 92 | Corey Hedrick      | OLB | 6-1  | 215 | Jr. | York                 |
| 93 | Travis Hill        | OLB | 6-2  | 230 | Fr. | Pearland, Texas      |
| 94 | Brian Brown        | DT  | 6-6  | 255 | So. | Indiopolis           |
| 95 | Paul Brungardt     | DT  | 6-7  | 265 | Jr. | Battle Creek         |
| 96 | David White        | OLB | 6-2  | 225 | Fr. | Gretna, La.          |
| 97 | Pat Engelbert      | MG  | 6-2  | 245 | So. | Columbus             |
| 98 | Joe D'Alesio       | TE  | 6-6  | 230 | Sr. | Kansas City, Mo.     |
| 99 | Kevin Miller       | DT  | 6-3  | 235 | Sr. | Hardy                |

## Probable starters

### NEBRASKA (7-0, 3-0)

| No. | Player             | Ht.  | Wt.   | Yr. | Pos.   |
|-----|--------------------|------|-------|-----|--------|
| 19  | Morgan Gregory     | 5-11 | 190   | Sr. | SE     |
| 78  | Tom Punt           | 6-8  | 285   | Jr. | LT     |
| 66  | Jim Wanek          | 6-1  | 255   | Jr. | LG     |
| 68  | Jake Young         | 6-4  | 270   | Sr. | C      |
| 69  | Bill Bobbora       | 6-3  | 265   | Sr. | RG     |
| 70  | Doug Glaser        | 6-7  | 295   | Sr. | RT     |
| 85  | Monte Kratzenstein | 6-3  | 230   | Sr. | TE     |
| 14  | Gerry Gdowski      | 6-0  | 190   | Sr. | QB     |
| 32  | Ken Clark          | 5-10 | 200   | Sr. | IB/RB  |
| 29  | Bryan Carpenter    | 5-10 | 205   | Sr. | FB     |
| 22  | Note Turner        | 6-2  | 220   | So. | WB/FL  |
| 44  | Gregg Barrios      | 5-8  | 180   | Jr. | K      |
| 42  | Jeff Mills         | 6-4  | 235   | Sr. | OLB/LE |
| 75  | Ray Valladao       | 6-3  | 255</ |     |        |

# Cyclones at a glance

Record: 3-4.

**Key Players:** quarterback Bret Oberg, tailback Blaise Bryant, tight end Mike Busch, receivers Steve Lester, Troy Moore, flankers Tyrone Williams, John Glotfelty, kicker Jeff Shudak, linebacker Mike Shane, cornerback Marcus Robertson.

**Strengths:** With the return of receivers and the blossoming of quarterback Oberg, combined with the run-

ning of Bryant, the fifth leading rusher in the country, make ISU a potent offense. The Cyclones' 600-plus yards of offense against Oklahoma last week proved that point.

**Weaknesses:** The defense is depleted by injuries, witness the 43 points given up to Oklahoma last week. Six defensive backs are gone since last spring and a total of nine players, who would have been in the top two defenses at ISU, have quit, been in-

jured or left the team for other reasons. Depth after Oberg and Bryant at QB and RB is unknown.

**Notes:** Iowa State has lost 11 straight to Nebraska since back-to-back victories in 1976 and 1977. Nebraska beat ISU 36-8 in the snow last year in Ames... Bryant rushed for 151 yards against Oklahoma and scored his third two-point conversion of the season. He needs just 95 yards to break

the 1,000-yard barrier for the season. He is averaging 129.3 yards a game and 4.9 yards a carry... Oberg set a school record, completing 26 of 48 passes for four touchdowns and ran for two touchdowns last week. He has completed 61 percent of his passes this year and leads the Big Eight in passing yardage and is seventh in the nation in that category. He leads the Big Eight in total offense and is 16th in the nation.

# Iowa St.'s Blaise has worked hard to live up to name

By Ken Hambleton

Life as a running back might be a lot easier if Blaise Bryant had a different first name.

"Ever since I was a little kid, it's been, 'Look at the Blaise, he must be the fastest guy around.' It's a lot to live up to. Maybe if I was Bill or Sam, people wouldn't think about it," the Iowa State running back said.

"Although, nobody ever forgets my name either."

Bryant has lived up to his name so far at Iowa State. He set a Big Eight record for most yards in a first game with 213 yards in the season opener. Now, he is the fifth leading rusher in the country and will soon become the leader in the Big Eight.

He has 905 yards rushing, averaging 129.3 yards a game and 4.9 yards a carry.

"Blaise Bryant is everything you'd use to describe the perfect football player," Iowa State Coach Jim Walden said. "Personality. Heart. Work. Desire. Talent. Toughness. Speed. That's Blaise."

"He is a joy to be around, and I'm tickled to death to have him on our team. When he needs to turn it up a notch, he does. He really hasn't had a bad game, although he'll tell you he has."

Bryant's low mark for the season came against Kansas, when he rushed for 126 yards and a touchdown and had two catches for 36 yards.

"I could have run harder and done

some things better against Kansas, but I didn't take that game seriously at the start, and I learned that Kansas wanted to win and was going to do everything they could to win," he said.

Bryant grew up in Huntington Beach, Calif., and was a standout high school player. He led the national junior college ranks in rushing last year and earned All-America status.

"Iowa State came and talked to me, and I decided I'd like to try the Big Eight and be a part of the turnaround at Iowa State," he said. "But sometimes, I still wonder how I got here. There are times I wish I was back home too... back home where I could go to the beach to sit and

"I haven't got the nerve to go sit in a cornfield here in Iowa yet," he

joked. "I'm learning about life in the midwest. The people are fine, there just isn't that much to do."

"It's a good thing I'm playing a lot of football. I didn't think I'd play much at all this year, but they made me a starter, and I've got a lot to do during the week now."

Bryant said he also had an awakening in regard to Big Eight football.

"I didn't know much about the Big Eight before my coach told me that, if I didn't want to sound like an idiot, I better learn about the conferences and the schools around the country," Bryant said.

"I learned which schools were in the Big Eight, but I still had this idea in the back of my mind that these guys from Nebraska, Oklahoma and Colorado, were all some kind of super-human giants. I mean, you watch them on TV, and the Big Eight guys are always crushing somebody and winning the Heisman Trophy and the other trophies."

"But, you know, playing against them, I found out they're normal people just like me and my teammates."

That realization hit home last week when Bryant ran for 151 yards and his team gained 607 yards of total offense against Oklahoma in a 43-40 loss.

"We can rise to the occasion, and if we stay in a game, like we did against Oklahoma, we can do the things we're supposed to do. Against Colorado, we got further and further behind, and we had to get out of our offensive plan," he said.

Bryant's success has made Iowa State a very dangerous offense, Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne said.

"Bryant adds something to their offense, and his running ability makes a big difference in what they can do," Osborne said. "Iowa State can put you in a lot of awkward positions trying to stop them."

Bryant said he owed his success to his offensive line and to the success of Iowa State's passing game.

"Our line has become one of the best," Bryant said. "When our line can get me to the opposing linebackers, I know I can get us a chunk of yards. And our passing game takes a lot of pressure off me, too."

"All I want is for people to respect us as a team and I think they do after the Oklahoma game. And for me, I just want the same kind of respect, where defenders say, 'he was good.'"

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# NCAA statistics

| Team            | Illinois      | 365  | 1448   | 241.3  |
|-----------------|---------------|------|--------|--------|
| Rushing offense | Virginia Tech | 433  | 1699   | 242.7  |
| Car             | Nebraska      | 467  | 1732   | 247.4  |
| Nebraska        | Auburn        | 371  | 1531   | 255.2  |
| Colorado        | Indiana       | 353  | 1547   | 257.8  |
| Air Force       | Michigan      | 307  | 1574   | 262.3  |
| Army            | Alabama       | 420  | 1605   | 267.5  |
| Oklahoma        | Southern Cal  | 429  | 1914   | 273.4  |
| Passing offense |               |      |        |        |
| Alt             | G             | Pts  | Avg    |        |
| Houston         | 6             | 344  | 57.3   |        |
| Brigham Young   | 7             | 329  | 47.0   |        |
| Utah            | 7             | 305  | 43.6   |        |
| Miami (Fla.)    | 6             | 250  | 41.7   |        |
| Fresno St.      | 7             | 285  | 40.7   |        |
| Hawaii          | 7             | 283  | 40.4   |        |
| Florida         | 8             | 305  | 38.1   |        |
|                 | 7             | 263  | 37.6   |        |
|                 | 7             | 258  | 36.9   |        |
|                 | 7             | 243  | 34.7   |        |
| Total offense   | G             | Pts  | Avg    |        |
| Plays           | Car           | Yds  | Yds Pg |        |
| Houston         | 524           | 3979 | 663.1  |        |
| Brigham Young   | 515           | 3770 | 538.5  |        |
| Nebraska        | 527           | 3650 | 521.4  |        |
| Colorado        | 480           | 3589 | 512.7  |        |
| San Diego St.   | 540           | 3515 | 502.1  |        |
| Air Force       | 574           | 3985 | 498.1  |        |
| Miami (Fla.)    | 512           | 2910 | 485.0  |        |
| Fresno St.      | 545           | 3275 | 467.8  |        |
| Duke            | 528           | 3208 | 458.2  |        |
| Utah            | 634           | 3436 | 454.5  |        |
| Rushing defense | Car           | Yds  | Yds Pg |        |
| Miami (Fla.)    | 197           | 273  | 45.5   |        |
| Nebraska        | 233           | 432  | 61.7   |        |
| Southern Cal    | 207           | 486  | 69.4   |        |
| Fresno St.      | 224           | 501  | 71.6   |        |
| Florida         | 241           | 556  | 79.4   |        |
| Alabama         | 192           | 479  | 79.8   |        |
| Penn St.        | 226           | 512  | 85.3   |        |
| Virginia Tech   | 264           | 604  | 86.3   |        |
| West Va.        | 224           | 624  | 89.1   |        |
| Pittsburgh      | 217           | 552  | 92.0   |        |
| Total defense   | Alt           | Cp   | Yds    | Yds Pg |
| Plays           | Car           | Yds  | Yds Pg |        |
| Miami (Fla.)    | 129           | 58   | 719    | 119.8  |
| Indiana         | 115           | 59   | 754    | 125.7  |
| Florida         | 188           | 95   | 905    | 129.3  |
| Boston Col.     | 123           | 57   | 816    | 136.0  |
| Auburn          | 136           | 74   | 819    | 136.5  |
| Kansas St.      | 112           | 71   | 998    | 142.6  |
| Mississippi St. | 165           | 80   | 868    | 144.7  |
| Houston         | 237           | 98   | 870    | 145.0  |
| Miami (Fla.)    | 171           | 84   | 874    | 145.7  |
| Texas           | 139           | 76   | 917    | 152.8  |
| Total defense   | Yds           | Ave  | Yds Pg |        |
| Plays           | Car           | Yds  | Yds Pg |        |
| Miami (Fla.)    | 368           | 1147 | 191.2  |        |
| Florida         | 429           | 1461 | 208.7  |        |

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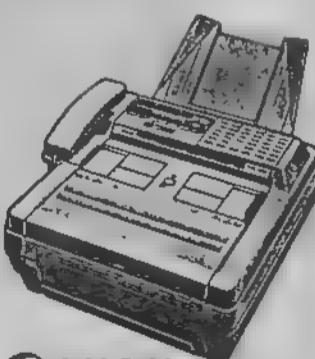
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# Los Angeles sports teams all fall on their face masks

By Steve Harvey  
Universal Press Syndicate

## The colleges

Seldom have Los Angeles sports teams fared so miserably

Not only did the Trojans, Bruins, Rams and Raiders all fall on their face masks over the weekend, but the Clippers failed to get rid of center Benoit Benjamin, who decided not to defect to Italy as he had threatened. While no L.A. teams sullied the Los Angeles Coliseum, that arena didn't escape ignominy, either. Singer Axl Rose fell off the stage during a concert there.

Meanwhile, a week after Fitchburg (Mass.) State saw its 34-game losing streak end, the University of the District of Columbia put a 25-game streak of misfortune on the line against Livingstone (1-4).

"They (Livingstone's players) were doing a lot of jawing before the game," Columbia's Willie Wood Jr. said later. Final score: D.C. 14, Livingstone 10. Most embarrassed team in the nation? Livingstone, we presume.

## Rankings

| School (record)   | Last loss       | Next loss      |
|---|-----------------|----------------|
| 1-5, L.A. teams   | 5 setbacks      | don't ask      |
| 6, LSU (1-5)  | 21-27, Kentucky | Tennessee      |
| 7, Oklahoma (5-2)   | 609 yards*      | Colorado       |
| 8, A.P.'s top 25 (15-7-3)   | shake-up        |                |
| 9, Tennessee (5-1)  | 123.7 yards**   | LSU            |
| 10, Arizona St. (3-3)   | 7-27, Oregon    | Washington St. |
| 11, Houston QB Andre Ware (minus 4 yards rushing against SMU); 12-15. Calling all Wildcats (Arizona, Kansas State, Kentucky, Northwestern) (10-16); 16, singer Axl Rose (0-1); 17, Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne (still complaining about the turf at Missouri after the Cornhuskers' 50-7 win); 18, Livingstone (1-5); 19-20, Col State-Zsa Zsa (minus 3 days). |                 |                |

\*Yielded 609 yards to Iowa State, most in Oklahoma history.

\*\*Ninth in conference in yards passing per game (123.7).

QUOTE BOOK: Hawaii Coach Bob Wagner, on his team's 31-16 loss to Colorado State: "It's not like they rolled us up, rolled us over and kicked our okole." (Okole is Hawaiian for *come down*.)

COMEDOWN OF THE WEEK (29 points): Air Force, on 11-point favorite, lost 9-27 to TCU.

## The pros

If Dancing Bears Coach Mike Ditka offers you any tips on stocks to buy, pay attention. This man obviously can foresee the future.

When Chicago fell to Houston two weekends ago, Ditka raised the question of whether the Bears were capable of winning another game this season. "I don't think we are," he concluded.

And just to prove him correct, the Bears went right out and got beat up by Cleveland, 7-27, on Monday. Chicago



couldn't stop the rushing game of such Browns as QB Bernie Kosar, who gained 1 yard to hike his four-and-a-half-year total to 75. Chicago, which has now suffered three straight setbacks for the first time ever under Ditka, is 4-3, going on 4-2.

Elsewhere, Bloopo of the Week award went to Seattle center Grant Feasel, who fouled up a field-goal attempt by snapping the ball too soon. It bounced off the helmet of holder Jeff Kemp. Officials in the instant-replay booth ruled that the ball was short of the end zone and off to the right.

Meanwhile, the Steelers were back in the pits after a 0-28 loss to Houston. Rookie running back Tim Worley complained that the team's running game suffered because, "Any little mistake we make, they (the coaching staff) panic and we've gotten out of our game plan." Perhaps they should go back to the suggestion of last year by QB Bubby Brister and punt on first down.

## Rankings

| Team (record)      | Last loss                   | Next loss |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| 1, Chicago (4-3)   | lost 3                      | Rams      |
| 2, L.A. Rams (5-2) | lost 2                      | Chicago   |
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2, Philadelphia

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Team (record)

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2, Flutie (1-2)

3, Eason (1-2)

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20-37, San Francisco

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\*New England Patriots are only member.

QUOTE BOOK: Los Angeles Coliseum spectator Greg Horbachevski, gazing at one end zone, where the Rolling Stones were performing in concert: "Guess I picked the wrong time to get seats on the 50-yard line."

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# Weekend TV capsules

## College Saturday

INDIANA AT MICHIGAN

Time: 11 a.m.

TV: ABC (Channel 7)

Announcers: Keith Jackson, Bob Griese and Mike Adamle.

Notes: Heisman Trophy candidate Anthony Thompson leads the Hoosiers into the Big Ten meeting with fifth-ranked Michigan. Thompson leads the nation in scoring with an average of 18.7 points per game, and his 160.8-yard rushing average trails Florida junior Emmitt Smith by 0.3 yards. With 73 yards in receptions and 235 in kickoff returns, Thompson also is third in the nation in all-purpose running. In addition, Thompson needs one touchdown to match the NCAA regular-season record of 59 set by Army's Glenn Davis and tied by Pitt's Tony Dorsett. Indiana is 4-2 overall and 2-1 in the conference after defeating Minnesota 28-18. Michigan improved to 5-1 and 3-0 with a 26-12 win against Iowa.

## PRINCETON AT HARVARD

Time: 11 a.m.

TV: ESPN (Cable Channel 23)

Announcers: Sean McDonough and Stan White.

Notes: Harvard will seek to hand Princeton its first conference loss in the Ivy League battle. Princeton, which beat non-conference opponent Fordham 38-20 last week, is 4-1 overall and tied with Yale for first in the league at 3-0. Harvard is 2-4 and 2-1, including a 6-5 win against Dartmouth in its most recent game. Princeton beat Harvard 23-8 last year.

## TENNESSEE AT LSU

Time: Noon

TV: TBS (Cable Channel 4)

Announcers: Bob Neal and Tim Foley.

Notes: Louisiana State had to prepare for two quarterbacks while getting ready for Southeastern Conference opponent Tennessee. Top-notch passer Andy Kelly is likely to start for the 11th-ranked Volunteers, but option quarterback Sterling Henton could see some action. Tennessee is 5-1 overall and 2-1 in the SEC after losing 47-30 to Alabama. LSU, 0-3 in the conference after a 27-21 loss to Kentucky, is 1-5 overall — the second-worst start in the 96-year history of football at the school.

Time: 1:30 p.m.

TV: CBS (Channels 3, 10/11)  
Announcers: Jim Nantz, Pat Hoden and John Dickey.

Notes: Alabama leads the inter-sectional rivalry 7-4, including a 14-7 triumph in the 1979 Sugar Bowl meeting for the national championship. The Tide also has won the last two games, 24-13 in 1987 and 8-3 in 1988. Alabama improved its record to 6-0 and its rating to sixth by beating Tennessee 47-30. Penn State, 5-1 and ranked 14th, had last week off.

## OHIO STATE AT MINNESOTA

Time: 2:30 p.m.

TV: ABC (Channel 7)

Announcers: Steve Alvarez, Lynn Swann and Mark Curtis.

Notes: After playing three of the last four games at home, Ohio State hits the road to play Big Ten rival Minnesota. The Buckeyes have won the last seven meetings and 19 of the last 20 with the Gophers. Ohio State is coming off a 21-3 victory against Purdue that improved its record to 4-2 overall and 2-1 in the Big Ten. Minnesota also is 4-2 and 2-1 after a 28-18 loss to Indiana.

## PITTSBURGH AT NOTRE DAME

Time: 4 p.m.

TV: ESPN (Cable Channel 23)

Announcers: Tim Brando and Vince Dooley.

Notes: Notre Dame is gaining a reputation as a top fighting team as well as the No. 1 football team in the nation. Last week's pregame brawl in the tunnel with Southern California players is the latest example on a list that includes five unsportsmanlike conduct penalties in January's Fiesta Bowl against West Virginia. The brawl with the Trojans didn't keep the Irish from the task at hand. Notre Dame rallied from a 17-7 half-time deficit to win 28-24 and improve its record to 7-0. No. 7 Pitt, 5-0-1, was idle last week.

## MIAMI AT FLORIDA STATE

Time: 7 p.m.

TV: ESPN (Cable Channel 23)

Announcers: Ron Franklin and Kevin Kiley.

Notes: Florida State was being touted as a national championship contender when it opened the 1988 season against the Hurricanes.

Miami won the game 31-0, but the Seminoles went 11-0 the rest of the way. Ninth-ranked Florida State is 5-2 after defeating Auburn 22-14. Second-ranked Miami, which has lost only to Notre Dame in the past two seasons, is 6-0.

## NFL Sunday

LOS ANGELES RAMS  
AT CHICAGO

Time: Noon

TV: CBS (Channels 3, 10/11)

Notes: Chicago leads the series 43-29-3, but Los Angeles has won the last four regular-season meetings. The Bears' only win in that time was 24-0 in the 1985 NFC championship game. Los Angeles' loss Sunday against New Orleans was the first at home in four games and the first to an NFC West opponent. The 5-2 Rams are one game behind San Francisco in their division. Chicago, 4-3, is one game behind Minnesota in the NFC Central, the first week since the end of the 1983 season that the Bears have not led the division. The Bears have lost three straight for the first time since Mike Ditka began coaching in 1982. Los Angeles quarterback Jim Everett has 14 touchdown passes and only seven interceptions. He has thrown for 1,832 yards. Los Angeles hasn't scored a rushing touchdown in four games. Chicago has the league's second-best ground attack, averaging over 155 yards per game. The Bears are tied for the second most interceptions in the league with 15. Six players, led by Lorenzo Lynch (3), have more than one.

## DETROIT AT CINCINNATI

Time: Noon

TV: NBC (Channel 6)

Notes: Cleveland leads the series 24-14, but Houston has won three of the last five, including a win in the AFC wild-card game last season. The Oilers, 8-11 on the road the last two years, have won two of three at Cleveland in that span. Houston and Cleveland are tied with Cincinnati for first place in the AFC Central at 4-3. The Oilers have won three of their last four games, including two straight at home. Houston's last shutout before blanking Pittsburgh on Sunday was Dec. 20, 1980, also against the Steelers. The Browns had scored only 47 points in four games before Monday's win against Chicago. Houston leads the AFC in scoring (195 points), and Cleveland has given up an NFL-low 95 points.

## PHILADELPHIA AT DENVER

Time: 3 p.m.

TV: CBS (Channels 3, 10/11)

Notes: Philadelphia has won three of five games with Denver, including the last meeting at Mile High Stadium in 1983. Denver, 6-1, leads the

AFC West by three games over the Los Angeles Raiders, Kansas City and Seattle. The Broncos have won three straight and are 4-0 at Mile High Stadium this season. Philadelphia, 5-2, is one game behind the New York Giants in the NFC East. In his last five games, Eagles quarterback Randall Cunningham has thrown four touchdowns and eight interceptions. The Eagles are 2-0 this year against the AFC West and 37-26 overall against the AFC. Denver is 22-10-1 against the NFC since 1980. Elway is the AFC's winningest starter with a 60-29-1 mark. Denver has the third best rushing attack.

## NFL Monday

MINNESOTA  
AT NEW YORK GIANTS

Time: 8 p.m.

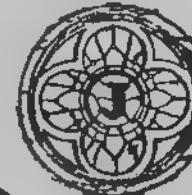
TV: ABC (Channel 7)

Announcers: Frank Gifford, Al Michaels and Dan Dierdorf.

Notes: Minnesota leads 6-2 in the

series, but the teams are meeting for only the third time in 14 years. The Vikings have won the three games in the New York area: two at Yankee Stadium and one at the Yale Bowl in New Haven, Conn. Minnesota has never played at the Meadowlands. The 6-1 Giants are tied for the NFL's best record with Denver and San Francisco. The 5-2 Vikings are one game ahead of Chicago in the NFC Central. New York tight end Mark Bavaro left Sunday's game with a sprained knee, but he is expected to play against Minnesota. The Vikings have won four straight after starting the year 1-2. New York has two consecutive victories since losing to Philadelphia. Minnesota hasn't allowed any points in the third quarter this year and has scored only a touchdown in the fourth. The Vikings pace the NFL with 37 sacks, led by Keith Millard's 12. Herschel Walker has gained 237 yards in two games with Minnesota, and his 483-yard total is sixth in the NFC. Tommy Kramer will start at quarterback, although Wade Wilson is available.

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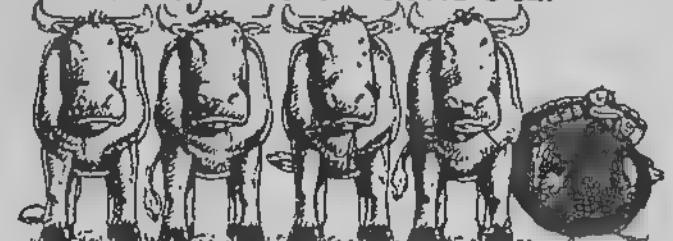
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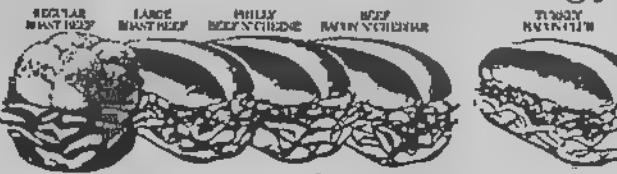
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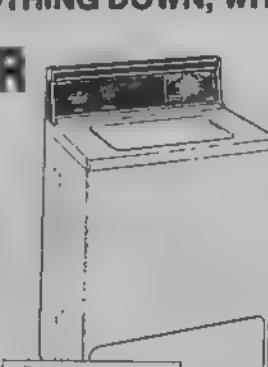
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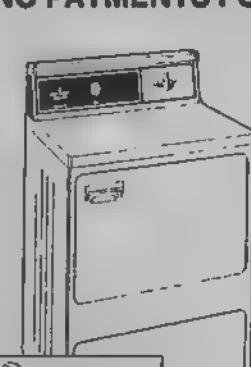
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# Pittsburgh blocks path of No. 1 Notre Dame

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By Rick Warner  
Associated Press

There's no truth to the rumor that Pittsburgh will airlift its players onto the field Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium.

It would be understandable, though, given what happened to Southern California last week and Miami last year. Both teams were involved in pregame fights with the Fighting Irish in the narrow tunnel leading from the locker rooms to the field.

Coach Lou Holtz has vowed to resign if his top-ranked team gets into another such brawl. But his biggest worry is the fight that will take place on the field against the seventh-ranked Panthers, who are off to their best start (5-0-1) since 1982.

That year, Pittsburgh won its first seven games before losing to Notre Dame 31-16. The Panthers then won three straight over the Fighting Irish before last year's 30-20 defeat.

The Irish are 7-0, but they appear vulnerable against good passing teams like Pittsburgh. Notre Dame's pass defense has given up an average of 307 yards in its last three games, and 13 of the 15 touchdowns scored against the team this season have been through the air.

Pitt's Alex Van Pelt has already thrown for 300 yards twice this year. He'll do it again Saturday as the Pan-



Lou Holtz

thers, who are 9 1/2-point underdogs, snap Notre Dame's 18-game winning streak. . . . PITTSBURGH 31-28.

There's another major battle at Tallahassee, where second-ranked Miami visits No. 9 Florida State.

This could be payback time for the Seminoles, whose losses to Miami in 1987 and 1988 cost them a shot at the national championship. But history isn't on Florida State's side. Miami has won nine of 10 games at Tallahassee, with the only loss coming in

## Harrah's college odds

### \*\*TOP\*\*

1. Notre Dame 10 over No. 8 Pittsburgh
2. Miami, Fla. 1 under No. 14 Florida State
3. Colorado 6 1/2 over No. 25 Oklahoma
4. Nebraska 32 over Iowa State
5. Michigan 13 over Indiana
6. Tennessee 2 under Louisiana State
7. Arkansas 6 under No. 16 Houston
8. Pittsburgh 10 under No. 1 Notre Dame
9. Southern Cal 19 over Stanford
10. Alabama vs. No. 17 Penn State, even
11. Auburn 19 over Mississippi State
12. N. Carolina St. 4 1/2 under No. 24 South Carolina

13. Illinois 20 over Wisconsin
14. Florida St. 1 over No. 2 Miami, Fla.
15. Washington St. 10 over Arizona State
16. Houston 6 over No. 7 Arkansas
17. Penn St. vs No. 10 Alabama, even
18. West Virginia 9 over Boston College
19. Air Force is idle
20. Florida is idle
21. Brigham Young 4 1/2 over Hawaii
22. Arizona vs Pacific University, no line
23. Texas A&M 17 over Rice
24. South Carolina 4 1/2 over No. 12 N. Carolina St.
25. Oklahoma 6 1/2 under No. 3 Colorado

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Florida State has won five straight since opening the season with two losses, while Miami is 6-0. The odds-makers are calling it a tossup. . . .

No. 3 Colorado (minus 6) at Oklahoma: The Sooners are unranked for the first time since the end of the 1983 season, while Colorado is 7-0 for the first time since Whizzer White's 1937 team. . . . COLORADO 35-21.

Iowa St. (plus 32) at No. 4 Nebraska: The Cornhuskers tune up for next week's Big Eight showdown in Boulder. . . . NEBRASKA 58-28.

Indiana (plus 13) at No. 5 Michigan: Michigan's stalwart defense will be tested by Indiana's Anthony Thompson, the nation's second-leading rusher. . . . MICHIGAN 17-13.

No. 6 Alabama (even) at No. 14 Penn St.: Penn State leads the nation in scoring defense, limiting the opposition to seven points a game. But Alabama has a high-powered offense that averages 34 points a game. Defense wins. . . . PENN ST. 17-14.

Wisconsin (plus 29) at No. 8 Illinois: Illinois' sputtering offense gets back on track. . . . ILLINOIS 48-10.

Stanford (plus 29) at No. 10 Southern Cal: The Trojans rebound from their heartbreaking loss to Notre

## Bowden expects low-scoring game

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida State Coach Bobby Bowden said Thursday he expects a low-scoring game Saturday night against the second-ranked Miami Hurricanes.

"I don't think we've played a game in a long time where a mistake can be so meaningful," Bowden said. "If nobody makes any mistakes, it should be a close one."

After the No. 9 Seminoles (5-2) worked out for an hour in shorts, Bowden pronounced them ready to play.

Dame. . . . SOUTHERN CAL 28-0.

No. 11 Tennessee (plus 2) at Louisiana St.: When's the last time a 1-5 team was favored over a 5-1 team? . . . TENNESSEE 42-21.

No. 12 Houston (minus 5 1/2) vs. No. 13 Arkansas at Little Rock: One thing's for sure, Houston won't score 95 points again. But the Cougars won't need to. . . . HOUSTON 42-28.

No. 15 West Virginia (minus 9 1/2) at Boston College: Boston College's only win came against winless Temple. . . . WEST VIRGINIA 42-17.

Mississippi St. (plus 18) at No. 16 Auburn: Auburn needs this one to keep its title hopes alive in the Southeastern Conference. . . . AUBURN 28-22.

Pacific (no line) at No. 17 Arizona: No contest. . . . ARIZONA 48-0.

## AP college picks

No. 18 Brigham Young (minus 4) at Hawaii: BYU is 4-0 on the road and Hawaii is 5-0 at home. . . . BRIGHAM YOUNG 42-40.

No. 20 North Carolina St. (plus 4) at No. 25 South Carolina: After beating East Carolina and Western Carolina, the Gamecocks go for the the Carolina triple. . . . SOUTH CAROLINA 24-21.

No. 21 Texas A&M (minus 17) at Rice: Rice has beaten A&M only once in the last 15 years. . . . TEXAS A&M 48-7.

Wake Forest (plus 23) at No. 22 Clemson: Clemson holds a Wake at Death Valley. . . . CLEMSON 34-19.

No. 23 Washington St. (minus 9 1/2) at Arizona St.: Washington State gets back on track after a tough loss to Arizona. . . . WASHINGTON ST. 38-7.

## AP Top 25 at a glance

\*Babcock's rating

|                                |                            |    |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|----|
| 1. Notre Dame (7-0)            | hosts No. 7 Pittsburgh     | 1  |
| 2. Miami, Fla. (6-0)           | is at No. 9 Florida State  | 2  |
| 3. Colorado (7-0)              | is at Oklahoma             | 3  |
| 4. Nebraska (7-0)              | hosts Iowa State           | 4  |
| 5. Michigan (5-1)              | hosts Indiana              | 5  |
| 6. Alabama (6-0)               | is at No. 14 Penn State    | 7  |
| 7. Pittsburgh (5-0-1)          | is at No. 1 Notre Dame     | 6  |
| 8. Illinois (5-1)              | hosts Wisconsin            | 8  |
| 9. Florida State (5-2)         | hosts No. 2 Miami, Fla.    | 9  |
| 10. Southern Cal (5-2)         | hosts Stanford             | 13 |
| 11. Tennessee (5-1)            | is at Louisiana State      | 15 |
| 12. Houston (5-1)              | is at No. 13 Arkansas      | 19 |
| 13. Arkansas (5-1)             | hosts No. 12 Houston       | 14 |
| 14. Penn State (5-1)           | hosts No. 6 Alabama        | 10 |
| 15. West Virginia (5-1-1)      | is at Boston College       | 11 |
| 16. Auburn (4-2)               | hosts Mississippi State    | 17 |
| 17. Arizona (5-2)              | hosts Pacific              | 22 |
| 18. Brigham Young (6-1)        | is at Hawaii               | 16 |
| 19. Florida (6-1)              | is idle                    | 12 |
| 20. North Carolina State (6-1) | is at South Carolina       | —  |
| 21. Texas A&M (5-2)            | is at Rice                 | 20 |
| 22. Clemson (6-2)              | hosts Wake Forest          | 21 |
| 23. Washington State (6-2)     | is at Arizona State        | —  |
| 24. Texas (4-2)                | is idle                    | 21 |
| 25. South Carolina (5-1-1)     | hosts North Carolina State | 18 |
| —                              | Fresno State (7-0)         | 24 |
| —                              | hosts Nevada-Las Vegas     | —  |
| —                              | Michigan State (2-4)       | 25 |
| —                              | is at Purdue               | —  |

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# Dana's back of the future ready for NWU if needed

By Mark Derowitsch

A new look to Dana's running game might come a year sooner than Vikings Coach Leo McKillip expected.

Because of injuries to Bryan Muschall and Marvin Peterson, McKillip said sophomore Sean Dalton will probably get plenty of playing time in Saturday's 1:30 p.m. game against Nebraska Wesleyan at Blair.

"Sean's played quite a bit — he's our No. 3 back," McKillip said. "He's a good running back, but he's playing behind two seniors. He's the running back of the future at Dana."

Dalton, from Lincoln Pius X High School, said he hopes the future is just that. He said he hopes Muschall, a preseason All-American, and Peterson are healthy enough to play against the Plainsmen. Muschall has been bothered by a sore ankle, and Peterson has a bruised thigh.

Peterson is averaging 70.6 yards per game while Muschall is averaging 65.2.

"Next year is going to be the one for me," Dalton said. "It's a little hard to get much time playing behind an All-American. But I'm getting a fair chance, and I'm happy with the situation here."

This year, Dalton is used mainly on the kickoff and punt return teams. He's averaging 14.5 yards per return on punts and has a 24.3 kickoff-return average.

The only time Dalton sees much time at running back is when the Vikings go to the Power-I, where an extra running back lines up beside the other two backs.

"I'm just glad I get to go in when we switch to the Power-I," Dalton said. "When I get in, I'm ready to go."

Dana is prepared for Wesleyan, Dalton said. The Vikings were ranked as high as No. 6 in the NAIA Division II ratings this season. But



Sean Dalton

Dana dropped two straight games, to Doane and Hastings, before defeating Concordia 41-6 last week. The Vikings are 5-2 overall and 1-2 in the Nebraska Intercollegiate Conference.

"We had a week off between games and that hurt us," Dalton said. "We didn't play as a team. We have to play pretty much mistake-free to win, and we didn't do that either game. But we're ready to play a good game Saturday."

McKillip said the Vikings must do one thing against the Plainsmen — score.

"Offensively I think we have to put a lot of points on the board," he said. "I don't know if we can stop their of-

fense. It's a tough situation for us."

Wesleyan is averaging 425.3 yards per game in total offense. Quarterback Gary Fate has completed 92 of 173 passes for 1,457 yards and 18 touchdowns.

Dalton said the Vikings would like to unseat Wesleyan as conference champions. The Plainsmen are 6-1 overall and 3-0 in the NIAC this season as defending conference champions.

"They beat us last year for the title," Dalton said. "We've got a chance this year. It's a tremendously big game for us."

## Notes

- Peru State can clinch a berth in the NAIA Division II playoffs Saturday with a win against Benedictine.

The Bobcats, 7-1 overall and 2-0 in the Tri State Conference, are ranked No. 9 in the latest national poll.

This is the second year Peru State has been a member of the Tri State Conference, and last year finished last in the four-team league.

- The Division II playoffs will begin Nov. 18 at host sites. Sixteen teams will qualify for the post-season berths.

The quarterfinals will be held Dec. 2, the semifinals on Dec. 9, and the championship game will be Dec. 16 at Malone College in Canton, Ohio.

## Last week's results

Nebraska Wesleyan 31, Doane 10  
Midland 31, Hastings 3  
Dana 41, Concordia 6  
Kearney St. 20, Wayne St. 7  
Mankato St. 26, UNO 7  
Peru State 52, Westmar College 14

## This week's schedule

Carroll College of Chardon St.  
Hastings of Concordia  
Nebraska Wesleyan at Dana  
Doane at Midland  
Northern Colorado at UNO  
Benedictine at Peru State  
Wayne St. at Fort Hays St.



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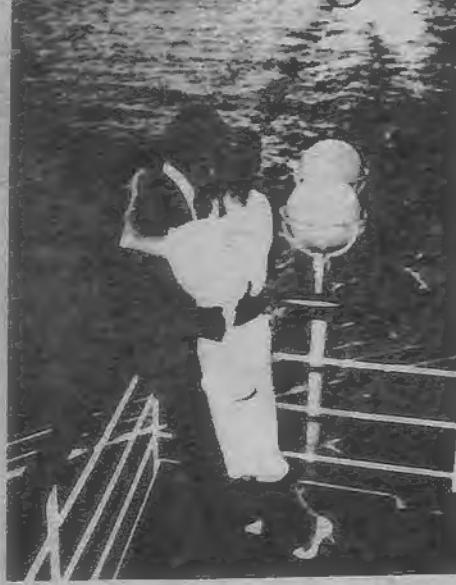


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# NFL injury report

**HOUSTON AT CLEVELAND** — Oilers: DE William Fuller (ankle) is questionable; RB Lorenzo White (quad) is probable. Browns: CB Hanford Dixon (groin), QB Bernie Kosar (knee), CB Frank Minnifield (groin), WR Webster Slaughter (knee) are probable.

**KANSAS CITY AT PITTSBURGH** — Chiefs: T Irv Eatman (knee), LB Mike Junkin (shoulder-injured reserve), WR Rob Thomas (shoulder-injured reserve) are out; CB Kevin Ross (ankle) is questionable; OL David Lutz (knee), RB Herman Heard (knee), NT Bill Moas (thigh), LB Rob McGovern (knee), LB Louis Cooper (hamstring), CB Jaycie Pearson (hamstring), CB Stan Petry (ankle), S Danny Copeland (ankle), DE Mike Bell (ankle), S Kevin Porter (foot), WR Clarence Weathers (foot) are probable. Steelers: TE Mike Mularkey (knee) is out; QB Bobby Brister (knee) is doubtful; G Terry Long (ankle), T Tom Ricketts (ankle), DE Tim Johnson (ankle) are probable.

**MIAMI AT BUFFALO** — Dolphins: RB Marc Logan (knee), RB Troy Stradford (knee-injured reserve) are out; DE T.J. Turner (leg) is doubtful; RB Sammie Smith (ankle), WR Fred Bonsu (arm) are probable. Bills: QB Jim Kelly (left shoulder) is doubtful; T Will Wolford (knee) is probable.

**NEW ENGLAND AT INDIANAPOLIS** — Patriots: RB Marvin Allen (foot), RB Rob Perryman (hamstring) are questionable. Colts: LB Duane Bickett (hamstring), RB Eric Dickerson (hamstring), DB Michael Ball (ankle), T Kevin Cott (hip) are probable.

**SAN DIEGO AT SEATTLE** — Chargers: HB Rod Bernstein (knee) is doubtful; T Joel Patten (knee-back) is questionable; DE Burt Grossman (knee), RB Marlon Butts (knee), QB Jim McMahon (right shoulder), LB Jim Collins (back) are probable. Seahawks: T Ron Matthes (thigh), LB Darrin Miller (back), LB Tony Woods (leg), LB M.L. Johnson (eye) are probable.



**ATLANTA AT NEW ORLEANS** — Falcons: CB Scott Case (knee), S Tim Gordon (groin), WR Michael Hayes (shoulder), T Mike Kenn (groin) are questionable; NT Tony Casillas (ankle), G Stan Clayton (ankle), T Houston Hoover (knee), RB Gene Lang (hip), S Elbert Shelly (hamstring) are probable. Saints: CB Kim Phillips (groin) is out; RB Buford Jordan (hamstring), G Brad Edelman (back) are questionable; NT Pat Swoopes (neck) is probable.

**DETROIT VS. GREEN BAY AT MILWAUKEE** — Lions: RB Mel Gray (shoulder) is doubtful. Packers: S Chuck Cecil (hamstring) is questionable; LB Brian Noble (back) is probable.

**LOS ANGELES RAMS AT CHICAGO** — Rams: LB Fred Strickland (ankle) is out; CB Darryl Henley (hamstring) is doubtful; S Anthony Newman (foot) is questionable. Bears: S Shaun Gayle (chest), DE Richard Dent (leg), LB Mickey Pruitt (leg) are questionable; DE Trace Armstrong (ankle), LB Steve Hyche (thumb) are probable.

**PHOENIX AT DALLAS** — Cardinals:

WR Roy Green (shoulder), DT Gary Hadd (knee), DT Jim Wahler (knee) are out; CB Carl Carter (hamstring), WR J.T. Smith (hand) are questionable; TE Rob Await (shoulder) is probable. Cowboys: QB Troy Aikman (left hand) is doubtful; RB Darryl Clark (ankle), WR James Dixon (leg), DE Ed Jones (knee), C Bob White (finger), G Jeff Zimmerman (elbow) are probable.

**PHILADELPHIA AT DENVER** — Eagles: LB Ty Allert (knee-injured reserve) is out; TE David Little (ankle), TE Keith Jackson (ankle) are doubtful; DT Jerome Brown (knee), LB Al Harris (shoulder) are questionable. Broncos: RB Jeff Alexander (ankle) is out; DE Andre Townsend (hamstring) is doubtful; C Keith Kartz (ankle), G Keith Bishop (back) are questionable; LB Marc Munford (concussion), CB Tyrone Braxton (knee), RB Sammy

Winder (leg) are probable.

**SAN FRANCISCO AT NEW YORK JETS** — 49ers: LB Jim Fahnhorst (foot), S Jeff Fuller (neck-injured reserve), RB Harry Sydney (arm-injured reserve) are out; QB Joe Montana (knee) is doubtful; S Tom Holmoe (hamstring), DE Daniel Stubbs (groin) are questionable; S Ronnie Loft (ankle), G Guy McIntyre (groin), CB Eric Wright (groin) are probable. Jets: QB Kyle Mackey (elbow), WR Al Toon (ankles) are out; QB Ken O'Brien (right shoulder), RB Roger Vick (knee), TE Mickey Shuler (ribs-hand), DB Kerry Glenn (neck) are probable.

**TAMPA BAY AT CINCINNATI** — Buccaneers: G John Bruhl (knee-injured reserve), G Mike Simmonds (knee-injured reserve), DB Harry Hamilton (knee) are out; DB Donnie Elder (knee), DE Robert Goff (thigh), NT Curt Jarvis (shoulder),

LB Ervin Randle (ankle), DE Rhondy Weston (groin) are questionable. Bengals: QB Turk Schonert (finger) is out; G Max Montoya (knee) is questionable.

**WASHINGTON AT LOS ANGELES RAIDERS** — Redskins: CB Darrell Green (wrist-injured reserve), LB Monte Coleman (hamstring), DT Marcus Koch (chest), P Ralf Moiseienko (ankle), G Mark May (wrist), RB Gerald Riggs (ankle) are probable. Raiders: S Stefan Adams (hamstring), CB Terry McDaniels (back) are questionable; KR Bobby Joe Edmonds (ankle) is probable.

**MINNESOTA AT NEW YORK GIANTS** — Vikings: RB Allen Rice (knee) is out; WR Anthony Carter (leg), DT Tim Newton (hand), DT Henry Thomas (shoulder) are probable. Giants: TE Mark Bavaro (knee) is doubtful.

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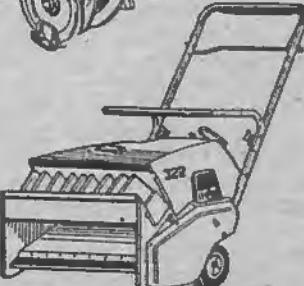


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